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agnoses of the families of Lacertilia, hence we find the Agamid genera referred to the Iguanidæ, and Ophiomorus and Anguis to the Scincidæ!

The review of geographical distribution at the close of the volume is valuable in proportion to its completeness, which the date of the work in a measure guarantees. But with every appreciation of the value of the author's species work, the absence of systematic analysis deprives his book of the scientific merit which would otherwise belong to it.—E. D. C.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF INSECTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.¹—The author, in this interesting essay, discusses with his characteristic thoroughness the relations of the faunæ (Alpine, subalpine, Canadian and Alleghanian) which have their representatives in that state. It is illustrated by a map of the state, showing the relations of the Canadian and Alleghanian faunæ, and another of the Alpine and subalpine regions of the White Mountains. The data are drawn from the butterflies and grasshoppers. We were not aware that such excellent material existed for such a full discussion of the subject, which will, we doubt not, greatly stimulate further studies on the geographical distribution of insects in this country.

PRINCIPLES OF METAL MINING.²—This is a compact, clearly-written and well illustrated little manual by a practical miner and member of the London Geological Society. The author has adapted it for the instruction of young miners starting in life. We have not met with a better and briefer introduction to the art of mining for the general reader.

BOTANY.

FUCUS SERRATUS AND FUCUS ANCEPS.—I have received from Prof. A. F. Kemp, of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., specimens of *Fucus anceps* Harvey, and *Fucus serratus* Linn., with the following notes concerning them which will be interesting to marine botanists.

¹ The Distribution of Insects in New Hampshire. A chapter from the first volume of the Final Report upon the Geology of New Hampshire. By S. H. Scudder. Concord, 1874. Royal 8vo. pp. 311-380. With two maps and a plate.

² Principles of Metal Mining. By J. H. Collins. Putnam's Elementary Science Series. With 76 illustrations. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. 12mo, pp. 149. Price 75 cents. For sale by A. A. Smith & Co., Salem, Mass.